

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION THANKING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RYAN A. MARTIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, we hereby offer our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Private First Class Ryan A. Martin upon the death of this outstanding soldier; and

Whereas, Private First Class Ryan A. Martin was a member of the 216th Engineer Battalion of the Army National Guard serving his great nation in the country of Iraq. He was a leader in his unit and is to be commended for the honor and bravery that he displayed while serving our nation in this time of war; and

Whereas, Private First Class Ryan A. Martin will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

Therefore, we join with the family, friends and the citizens of our great nation in thanking Private First Class Ryan A. Martin of the United States Army for his service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

HONORING FRED HATMAKER

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, Fred Hatmaker of LaFollette and Knoxville, TN, recently passed away at the early age of 63.

Fred was a good friend not only to me, but many within the community. He can best be characterized as one who loved to be in the middle of things. Fred was always there for a laugh, a serious discussion, a game of cards, and was more than willing to take a good humored poke at someone whenever an appropriate occasion arose.

Fred was an educator, banker, and businessman. He was as devoted to his professions as he was to his friends and family. He was restless in every venture he undertook. I think this came from his need to find his place in the world. This I can say for sure, he brought an unending amount of energy with him and will forever be remembered for his storytelling. You can rest assured that he probably never believed what he said himself.

Fred will be missed very much by all who knew him.

COMMENDING CHARLES A. COHEN, AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA AND RECIPIENT OF THE NEW JERUSALEM AWARD

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound pleasure and privilege that I rise to commend to the nation, Charles A. (Chuck) Cohen, an outstanding American and citizen of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Cohen will be honored October 17, with the New Jerusalem Award at the Indiana-Israel Dinner of State. Chuck is an active community leader, a prominent attorney and a longtime supporter of Israel Bonds.

State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation for Israel is an international organization offering securities issued by the government of Israel. Since the first bond was sold in 1951, Israel Bonds has secured close to \$26 billion in investment capital for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry.

Charles Cohen was born in Greenville, KY, and graduated from Greenville High School as the salutatorian. He received a B.S. degree in Accounting in 1963 and a J.D. degree in 1966 at Indiana University-Bloomington. At school, Chuck was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and made the Law Review.

After completing his education, the honoree served with the U.S. Army in the Medical Service Corps. His display of leadership earned him the Bronze Star for meritorious service in a combat zone and the rank of Captain.

In 1971, Chuck moved to Indianapolis and co-founded the firm of Garelick & Cohen, (now Cohen, Garelick & Glazier). He is currently the managing partner.

Mr. Cohen is an active member of the Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis, serving as a life board member and past president. He is also active with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and has served in numerous positions including president and campaign chairman, as well as chairman of the Benefits Committee, the Israel Emergency Campaign, and currently serves as chairman of the Long Term Endowment Campaign and the Overseas Committee.

In addition, he is a member of the board of directors of America's Voices in Israel and an intermediate cities representative on the United Jewish Communities board of trustees.

Mr. Cohen is the recipient of the L.L. Goodman Young Leadership Award, the Liebert Mossler Award, the Martin L. Lerner Leadership Award, the Endowment Achievement Award, and the Hasten Hebrew Academy HAI-Life Award.

Chuck and his wife, Karen, are the parents of three children: Brad, Amy Kaissar, and Danielle Bautista.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues in the People's House join in commending Charles Cohen for his life of service, civic stewardship and commitment to Indianapolis and Israel Bonds.

He has exhibited outstanding leadership qualities that deserve high praise.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FBI DEPUTY DIRECTOR BRUCE GEBHARDT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Deputy Director Bruce Gebhardt for his 30 years of distinguished service to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. His breadth of knowledge and experience in national security, terrorism and intelligence issues have made America markedly safer in the wake of September 11, 2001.

Mr. Gebhardt entered on duty as a Special Agent with the Bureau on July 7, 1974, and began his career investigating organized crime and narcotics. Mr. Gebhardt was the recipient of the FBI Medal of Valor as a result of action taken during an airplane hijacking event in Denver, Colorado in 1976. More recently as a Special Agent in Charge, Mr. Gebhardt oversaw numerous operational success in organized crime, counterintelligence, counterterrorism, cyber crimes and white collar crimes. But today, more than ever, America owes a debt of gratitude to Bruce Gebhardt for his work to retool and reshape the FBI after September 11, 2001.

In August 2002, Mr. Gebhardt was appointed by Director Mueller to serve as Deputy Director for the FBI and for the last 2 years he has been responsible for restructuring the FBI into a counterterrorism and intelligence focused agency. As Deputy Director, Mr. Gebhardt has made important contributions to the national security of the United States and more fully prepared the Federal Bureau of Investigation to fight terrorism both at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my best personal regards to Deputy Director Gebhardt on his retirement from the FBI and wish him all the best in the future. I would also like to ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him on behalf of the American people for his service and commitment to our collective security.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment having been activated and mobilized as the 278th Regimental Combat Team has some of Tennessee's finest soldiers. They are currently

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training in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, before moving to the National Training Center in Ft. Irwin, California, for additional training. Before departing for their duty location in Northern Iraq they will return to Tennessee where they will appropriately have a sendoff on Veterans Day.

Headquartered in Knoxville, the 278th is the only enhanced Armored Cavalry Regiment in the National Guard and one of only two in the United States Army. The 278th is the largest unit in the Tennessee Army National Guard, with units stretching from one end of Tennessee to the other. A large portion of the 278th's soldiers live in the 4th Congressional District.

While visiting the 278th at Camp Shelby I talked with soldiers from across the 4th District. Every soldier I talked with expressed a devotion to family and country. Our troops have the energy and patriotism needed to encourage democracy abroad by promoting strong American values and ideals. The families should know that their loved ones are receiving world class training and equipment.

In a State that claims Sgt. Alvin York as its native son no one should be surprised that Tennessee is appropriately named the Volunteer State. This largest callup of Tennessee National Guardsmen only further demonstrates our commitment to country. I would like to ask everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters who will shortly be put in harm's way. May God look after our troops and their families.

IN MEMORY OF AIR NATIONAL
GUARDSMAN FIRST LIEUTENANT
JAMES O. CONWAY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the brave actions of a hero. First Lieutenant (1/LT) James O. Conway will be memorialized this weekend in East Boston, Massachusetts where he gave his own life half a century ago to save the lives of many neighborhood residents. On October 2, 1954, 1/LT Conway, a member of the Air National Guard, 101st Fighter Interceptor Squadron, flew his jet into an embankment after it had lost power upon take-off at Logan Airport. This undaunted act of courage was done in an effort to save the neighborhood of East Boston from the trauma, damage and potential loss of life that more than likely would have resulted from the crash landing of a military jet in a densely populated residential area.

The residents of East Boston have long recognized 1/LT Conway as a hero. This Saturday, the East Boston community will formally memorialize this act of heroism in a dedication ceremony. This ceremony comes at a time when thousands of men and women in the National Guard are serving our country in its latest time of need. These modern-day heroes carry on a tradition of selflessness that was exemplified by 1/LT Conway a generation ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our solemn gratitude to 1/LT James O. Conway, his family and all of the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice protecting our Nation at home and abroad.

THE HENRY FORD
COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the late Henry Ford as the "Father of Industrial Education" and to express my deep gratitude for his enormous contributions to education, particularly technical training.

Henry Ford was a strong advocate of providing educational opportunities. At Highland Park, where the Model T was produced, he organized English classes for newly hired immigrants, which assisted them in receiving their first citizenship papers. In 1930, Henry Ford announced that he would spend \$100 million and devote the remainder of his life promoting and supporting educational concepts. Of the some 60 schools supported by Henry Ford, the one that brought him the greatest satisfaction and pride was the Henry Ford Trade School.

The Henry Ford Trade School, established in Highland Park in 1916 with one instructor and a class of six disadvantaged students, quickly emerged as a pioneer of the modern concept of combining vocational training with related formal classroom instruction. Upon its move to the Rouge Complex in Dearborn in 1931, the school continued to offer educational opportunities to young men through the year 1952. At its peak, there were more than 2,800 students, aged 13–17, and 135 instructors. A hot lunch was furnished without charge and for their effort, students were awarded a weekly cash scholarship and a monthly stipend to deposit in a bank savings account until they left school.

The training offered at Henry Ford Trade School took on new meaning with the advent of World War II and the technical skills of the graduates were employed and challenged in various capacities to support the war effort. Many students also served in the military.

In order to properly acknowledge the inspiration and guidance of Henry Ford, the members of the Henry Ford Trade School Alumni Association, some 400 strong, will perpetuate his memory with the unveiling of a life-size bronze statue to be displayed at the welcome center for guests touring the factory at the newly reopened Rouge Complex.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues rise and join me in honoring the members of the Henry Ford Trade School Alumni Association on the occasion of their celebration, and to pay tribute and recognize the commitment and dedication of the late Henry Ford.

RECOGNIZING MR. GREG HALL

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Greg Hall for his life-long contributions to the city of El Monte. Mr. Hall has been an active and loyal employee for the city of El Monte. He has worked as a Park Caretaker

for 6½ years, Water Systems Operator for 2 years, Senior Water Systems Operator for 1½ years, Maintenance Supervisor for 7 years, and held his current position as Public Works Maintenance Superintendent for 16 years.

Exemplifying the best in humanitarian leadership, Mr. Hall was awarded Volunteer of the Year for all greater Los Angeles for his contributions to build the Saint Harriet's Children's Home. He was also awarded Kiwanian of the Year in 1984, 1990, and 1992. He was also president of the Kiwanis Club from 1989–1990, secretary from 1992–1993 and lieutenant governor in 2002. Mr. Hall has also served in the U.S. Navy for 3 years and is a Vietnam veteran.

Mr. Hall has served on many committees over the years, such as Maintenance Superintendents Association for 16 years, Traffic Control Supervisors Association for 22 years, and the American Water Works Association for 26 years.

Mr. Hall's involvement with the Hazmat Drop-Off/Intake building for El Monte residents, the modernization of the Public Works Maintenance Division offices as well as the Water Department, are just some of his many accomplishments. Mr. Hall leaves behind a leadership model of teamwork. His leadership style has improved the reputation of the Maintenance Division and brought all the members of the Maintenance Yard closer together.

Please join me in wishing Mr. Greg Hall, maintenance superintendent, Public Works Maintenance Division good luck and a happy retirement.

HONORING ROBERT AND COLLEEN
GOODALE, 2004 ANGELS IN ADOPTION

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege today of recognizing Robert and Colleen Goodale, an extraordinary couple from Nashville, TN, who have opened their home and their hearts to children in foster care.

I am proud to announce that the Goodales are this year's Angels in Adoption from the Fifth District of Tennessee. As many of my colleagues know, Angels in Adoption is an annual award sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute to honor families such as the Goodales who are among the nation's heroes of adoption.

The Goodales have a story that is nothing short of amazing. After raising four biological children of their own, the Goodales decided to fill their empty nest by adopting children out of foster care. The first of these children was Richard, who came to the Goodales' home at the age of 2 for what was intended to have been a 2-week stay. Richard, who is severely mentally disabled, was in the process of being institutionalized at a local facility when he came to the Goodales' home. Richard, however, never left their care, and instead became their first adopted son. Now 18, Richard is still severely developmentally delayed and cannot speak. He also suffers from emphysema, and requires round-the-clock supervision and assistance. As nurses by profession, the Goodales have provided Richard with the ideal loving home.

Shortly after Richard's adoption, the Goodales adopted two brothers, Jonathan and Christopher, who were 11 and 9 at the age of their adoption and are now 24 and 23. They then adopted another group of siblings, James, Tracy, Jerome, and Lorri. Now also grown, these children were 7, 5, 4 and 2 when they joined the Goodale family.

The Goodales, who are white, are blessed with a diverse, multiracial family. Richard is African-American, Jonathan and Christopher are white, and the remaining four are biracial. Despite their commitment and perseverance, the Goodales have had to battle skepticism from caseworkers who initially believed these diverse placements to be inappropriate. Eventually, the Goodales even moved into an all-black neighborhood to demonstrate their respect for their children's racial heritage.

The Goodales are a truly remarkable family, and I am privileged to have been witness to the strength of this family's love.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROISM OF BETTY ONG

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Betty Ong, a native daughter of San Francisco's Chinatown and a hero for our Nation on September 11, 2001.

On that tragic day, Betty Ong was a flight attendant on American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston bound for Los Angeles. Flight 11 left Boston's Logan Airport at 7:59 a.m. with Mohammed Atta and four other terrorists on board. From the time the terrorists took over the plane until she lost contact, Betty remained calm and professional. For 23 minutes, she relayed vital information to her colleagues on the ground. The information Betty provided in that horrifying situation later allowed the FBI to discern the identity of the terrorists onboard Flight 11.

In January of this year, the 9/11 Commission heard a tape of Betty's urgent message. In its report, the Commission confirmed that Betty was indeed the first person to report the hijacking. 9/11 Commission Chairman Thomas Kean declared, "Betty Ong is a true American hero."

On September 21, 2001, a memorial service for Betty was held in San Francisco's Chinatown where Betty was born and maintained strong family and community ties. At that time Mayor Willie Brown proclaimed September 21 to be "Betty Ong Day." This year, the Chinatown Community Development Center is again honoring her.

It is with pride and sadness that I join in paying tribute to Betty's courage and her heroism. I hope it is a comfort to her family that so many people remember and honor her heroic acts.

CALLING FOR TAIWANESE REPRESENTATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has once again tried to return to the United Nations this fall. In recent years, Taiwan has repeatedly expressed its strong desire to participate in the United Nations and other international organizations. I am pleased that the United States has pledged to support Taiwan's bid to become an observer in the World Health Organization and to obtain OAS (Organization of American States) observership for Taiwan. Many of us in this body have long supported that. In fact, in our Taiwan Policy Review of September 1994, we declared the intent to build stronger and more active support for Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations. The United Nations is such an appropriate organization.

The United States has supported Taiwan's membership in the Asian Development Bank and the World Trade Organization and its admission to the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation Group; Supporting Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations is the next logical step for the United States. In doing so, we will demonstrate to the world that the United States supports democracy and freedom in Taiwan. We will prove, yet again, that the United States is on the side of free and democratic people.

It is indeed grossly unfair to see Taiwan and its 23 million people excluded from the activities of the United Nations year after year. When SARS hit Taiwan in the spring of 2003, Taiwan, without United Nations membership, was denied the World Health Organization's expertise and assistance for weeks. Taiwan's doctors had difficulty obtaining information about SARS, and as a result, Taiwanese SARS patients suffered and waited.

Taiwan's immense population is also worth noting. Its 23 million people constitute a population that's larger than those of two-thirds of UN member states. Small states such as Andorra (population 54,000) and San Marino (population 23,000) have UN membership while Taiwan is denied?

Furthermore, Taiwan's exclusion from the UN clearly violates the UN principle of universality. The UN's mission is to "reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women, and of nations large and small." What of the rights of the 23 million people on Taiwan? Don't we believe that the Taiwanese populace counts?

Taiwan is a democracy. It endorses the UN's ideals of peace, human rights, and development. It has been a responsible global citizen, contributing to aid projects like relief supplies for Afghan refugees, AIDS prevention in Africa, and the dispatch of a rescue team following earthquakes to El Salvador in 2001.

If Taiwan were allowed to return to the United Nations, reconciliation and rapprochement between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China would help to stabilize the entire Asia-Pacific region for generations to come, while making the United Nations a much more representative body.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan's exclusion from the United Nations is unjust. We must speak up for Taiwan, our friend and ally, this year and every other until this injustice is corrected.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 527 REFORM ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with Congressman MARTY MEEHAN and Senators JOHN MCCAIN and RUSS FEINGOLD to introduce the 527 Reform Act, which will close an election law loophole created by the Federal Election Commission's (FEC) failure to enforce the 1974 Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA).

This failure on the part of the Commission is a long-standing tradition underscored by federal judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly's September 18 decision in Shays v. FEC, which struck down 15 poorly-drafted rules promulgated by the FEC that undermined, rather than enforced, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act.

Our legislation will require 527 groups to register as political committees with the FEC—as they should have been doing all along. It also establishes new, effective allocation rules to ensure groups primarily focused on impacting federal races are regulated accordingly.

For too long, the FEC has looked the other way as 527 groups have channeled soft money into federal elections, clearly violating the letter and the spirit of the campaign finance law.

The 527 Reform Act does the job the FEC has failed to do—it brings 527 groups under the same set of rules as every other political committee.

In doing so, it ensures all groups acting primarily to influence federal elections play by the rules Congress and the Supreme Court intended, rather than allowing some to exist in a parallel world of election law anarchy.

The bottom line is, groups that are in the business of influencing federal elections should be regulated by federal election law, and, by overriding the FEC's long-standing misinterpretation of the 1974 Federal Election Campaign Act, that is exactly what this legislation will accomplish.

WELCOME HOME 1175TH

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to welcome back the 1175th Transportation Company of the Tennessee National Guard. The soldiers, who deployed to Fort Knox, Kentucky in February 2003, had been in Kuwait and Iraq since April 2003. When they returned home in mid-May 2004 they were surrounded by loved ones who hadn't seen them in over a year.

The transportation company was involved in various aspects of transportation, convoy operations and supply missions. Within the first

96 hours of arriving in Kuwait they pulled their first mission—not an easy feat. Often, they drove Humvees mounted with .50 caliber machine guns, escorting vital equipment throughout Iraq. The unit logged some 2.3 million miles in the 13 months they were overseas.

I am very proud of the safety and performance record of the 1175th. They served with distinction by implementing the largest track vehicle movement since World War II not once, but twice in the matter of a few months, while training in the U.S. They also had the best safety record and operational readiness status of the other 15 plus transportation companies working in Iraq/Kuwait.

Iraq is hot, dry, and dusty. Sometimes temperatures reached upwards of 135 to 140 degrees. Knowing the numerous dangers and environment it surprised me to read and hear statements from soldiers such as Sergeant Tommy Adcock say, "Our Country has taken care of us, now it's payback time."

It is sad that the 1175th lost two of its own. Staff Sergeant Nathan Jerome Bailey and Staff Sergeant David Leroy Lyod lost their lives defending a country they cared so deeply about. We need to remember that our countrymen are making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this country. These men and women have served honorably and with distinction. What makes our country so great are all of the brave Americans that step up and defend this great nation. For that I say thank you and God Bless.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the following votes on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 457: I would have voted "yea" on the Van Hollen amendment, which prevents OMB from spending any funds to implement the A-76 rewrite changes that were finalized on May 29 regarding federal employees and contractors.

Rollcall vote 458: I would have voted "yea" on the Sanders amendment. This amendment prohibits the use of funds to assist in overturning *Cooper v. IBM*—on July 31, 2003, a federal court ruled that IBM's cash balance pension plan violates federal anti-age discrimination law. This amendment protects U.S. workers who have been negatively impacted by age-discrimination cash balance pension conversions.

Rollcall vote 459: I would have voted "yea" on the Norton amendment. This amendment prohibits the use of funds in the bill to enter into or renew any contract for a high deductible health plan under the federal employees health benefit plan that does not require enrollees to remain enrolled in such plan for at least 3 consecutive years from the date of initial enrollment.

Rollcall vote 460: I would have voted "yea" on the Davis (FL) amendment, which would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to enforce new restrictions on travel to Cuba for the purpose of visiting relatives.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WOMEN ATHLETES AT THE 2004 SUMMER OLYMPICS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the amazing achievements of the women athletes at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. In particular, I want to celebrate the success of the United States Women's Soccer Team, who made us proud by winning a gold medal at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, beating Brazil 2-1 in overtime, on August 26, 2004.

These women have become some of the most famous athletic role models on earth. They have taught our children that if you work hard and you believe in yourself, you can accomplish anything. Indeed, these women are helping to fundamentally change perceptions about athletics. It is no surprise that our little girls look up to these strong, motivated women for inspiration. But to also see little boys wearing jerseys emblazoned with the names of their favorite women players is a wonderful sight.

I would especially like to recognize Abby Wambach, who is from my district in Rochester, New York. When she scored the goal that secured the gold medal, nowhere in the world cheered louder than Rochester. In addition, every other woman on the Olympic soccer team also deserves our recognition and congratulations: Shannon Boxx, Brandi Chastain, Joy Fawcett, Julie Foudy, Mia Hamm, Angela Hucles, Kristine Lilly, Kristin Luckenbill, Kate Markgraf, Heather Mitts, Heather O'Reilly, Cindy Parlow, Christie Rampone, Cat Reddick, Briana Scurry, Lindsay Tarpley, and Aly Wagner.

As a testament to the power of these women, their fan appreciation tour, which kicks off in Rochester, on September 25, sold out all 14,000 seats in just minutes. I have introduced a resolution in Congress, H. Res. 373, which supports the reestablishment of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA). Hopefully, some day the WUSA will return, to give these amazing female athletes the professional athletic opportunities in the United States they so deeply deserve.

Thank you to all the women Olympic athletes for transforming the lives and attitudes of today's young women, and for those of generations to come. We all know that girls who compete in sports perform better in school, are physically healthier and have a stronger self-esteem. Our girls have learned that sweat is sexy, brawn is beautiful and a little dirt never hurt anyone. You have truly given us all a whole lot more to celebrate, work hard for and dream about.

HONORING TOM VIOLANTE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Tom Violante, founder and owner of Holiday Market in Royal Oak, Michigan in a celebra-

tion of the Market's fifty years as a community landmark.

When Holiday Market opened in 1954, it was a small store up the street from its present location and in some respects it was like many other small grocers so common in those days. It sold the basics and had a meat counter with a very few employees.

But there was from the beginning a major difference: the owner, Tom Violante. He took a personal interest in every customer who walked through the door. He wanted every customer to be satisfied with service, price, and quality. Those who stopped at that small business place can remember Tom at the meat counter, friendly and eager to meet a customer's wishes. In these efforts he was actively joined by his wife Janet.

He also possessed a strong business acumen. When opportunities arose to move down the street and expand into much larger quarters, he took the leap. Today Holiday Market provides an adventure in shopping for an imaginative variety of quality products.

The next generation of his family has taken an increased interest. They have sustained the Violante touch of warm friendliness and superior service.

As busy as Tom Violante was, whether as the cog in a small operation and later as his enterprise grew, and no matter how involved he and his wife Janet were in raising their growing family, Tom and Janet have possessed a strong community and civic involvement.

Tom's community interest was exemplified in his service on the Oak Park Board of Education, the Oak Park Citizens School Finance Committee, President of the Frost Elementary School PTA, and the Oak Park Boosters Club. Many have been the beneficiaries of Tom and Janet Violante's civic interest. Their support of local charitable organizations include the Royal Oak Lions Club, the Royal Oak Boys and Girls Club, William Beaumont Hospital's Speech Therapy Program and Leader Dogs for the Blind and Hearing Impaired, among others.

Mr. Speaker, as Tom Violante is "roasted" at the celebration on September 23, in Royal Oak, Michigan, I add my personal gratitude to a remarkable man who has given so much to make his community a better place for all of us. I ask my colleagues to join in congratulating Holiday Market on its golden anniversary and in wishing Tom Violante, his wife Janet, their five children and fourteen grandchildren good health and happiness, and continued success.

75TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO THE CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the California Maritime Academy as it celebrates its 75th anniversary.

The California Maritime Academy was founded in 1929 under the name of the "California Nautical School" and was located in Tiburon, and is the third oldest active maritime

academy in the United States. In 1936 the U.S. Congress passed the Merchant Marine Act, which directed the creation and maintenance of an adequate merchant marine to support U.S. international and domestic commerce and to meet the needs for national defense. Responding to this mandate, the federal government and the California state legislature began contributing matching funds in support of the school's mission. In these early days, only three-year deck and engineering programs were offered.

In 1939 the school changed its name to the California Maritime Academy. In 1940, with war looming, the academy was relocated to San Francisco. During World War II, the course of study was accelerated to 17 months and many graduates served in the war. A new permanent site for the academy was found on a 67-acre site at Morrow Cove in Vallejo; in 1943 campus construction was completed, making the site the academy's permanent home.

In 1973 Cal Maritime became the first maritime academy to enroll women in a licensed maritime program, the first of whom graduated in 1976. In 1974 the curriculum was expanded to a four-year undergraduate program, laying the groundwork for accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Nautical industrial technology and marine engineering technology were the four-year majors offered at this time. In the late 1980's, two new majors in mechanical engineering and business administration were added, and the nautical industrial technology program was replaced by marine transportation. Cal Maritime currently offers bachelor's degrees in business administration, facilities engineering technology, global studies and maritime affairs, marine engineering technology, marine transportation, and mechanical engineering. A program of intellectual learning, applied technology, and leadership development prepares graduates for positions of significant responsibility in the areas of maritime, business, logistics, inter-modal transportation, and engineering.

In addition to earning a bachelor's degree, students earn professional licensing in one of several areas: Third Mate or Third Assistant Engineer, U.S. Coast Guard; Certified Plant Engineer-in-Training, Association for Facilities Engineering; or professional certification in transportation, management, or international business and logistics. The curriculum further expanded during the fall of 2003, when Cal Maritime introduced a major in global studies and maritime affairs—the first new major to be accepted after the academy's full transition into the CSU system. Also in the fall of 2003, Cal Maritime dedicated its new Technology Center.

In 1995, Cal Maritime became a campus of The California State University (CSU), which opened new opportunities for educational and institutional enhancement. By 1996 Cal Maritime expanded beyond its maritime curriculum, introducing a facilities engineering technology major. A new science and engineering lab building was completed in 1999. Cal Maritime is one of only seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States, and the only one on the West Coast.

For the last several years, Cal Maritime students have enjoyed a nearly 100% job placement rate upon graduation and starting salaries above the national average. In addition,

Cal Maritime's completion and time to degree rates are some of the best of any public institution in the state. At Cal Maritime, students benefit from a small student-to-teacher ratio and small class sizes—with an average of 18 students per class. Each student at Cal Maritime has the opportunity to participate in at least one 60-day international training cruise aboard the Training Ship *Golden Bear*. While at sea, students apply the skills learned during the school year and visit domestic and international ports of call.

As Cal Maritime celebrates its 75th anniversary, the future looks bright with applications for enrollment at an all-time high. The academy's strategic plan calls for growth to 750–800 students in the next few years and Cal Maritime is well on its way to meeting that goal.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we congratulate the California Maritime Academy for its 75 years of contributions to the maritime industry of our great nation.

**SALUTE TO ROBIN STONE AND
THE D.C. CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY
CENTER FOR COMBATING CHILD
SEXUAL ABUSE**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute accomplished journalist and author Ms. Robin D. Stone for her courageous and thoughtful efforts to bring light to darkness by educating and raising public awareness about the heinous crime of child sexual abuse. I also want to acknowledge the outstanding work of my constituent Safe Shores—the D.C. Children's Advocacy Center in its front line work to support physically and sexually abused children and thank the Center for bringing Ms. Stone to the District of Columbia to give the plenary address at its second annual multidisciplinary conference: "Safe Childhoods: Strengthening D.C.'s Clinical Response to Childhood Trauma."

Safe Shores is the coordinating agency for the District of Columbia's multidisciplinary team for child abuse investigation and prosecution, which is known as the MDT. As a not-for-profit organization Safe Shores works in a unique public-private partnership with the agencies that comprise the District's MDT, which are the Metropolitan Police Department, Child and Family Services Agency, the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, and Children's National Medical Center. Safe Shores—The D.C. Children's Advocacy Center was founded for the express purpose of reducing the trauma of child victims of abuse during the investigative and prosecutorial processes. Safe Shores operates pursuant to the children's advocacy center developed back in the late 1980's by our esteemed colleague Representative ROBERT "BUD" CRAMER of Alabama when he was a prosecutor.

As part of its work, Safe Shores provides training and education on child abuse prevention and treatment for local professionals. It is in this context that Robin Stone has brought her vital message to my hometown, Wash-

ington DC, to shine light on what some would like to keep hidden in the shadows, child sexual abuse. Bravely using her own personal history of abuse as a catalyst for her journalistic treatment of this issue, Ms. Stone is the author of *No Secrets, No Lies: How Black Families Can Heal from Sexual Abuse*, published by Doubleday/Broadway Books earlier this year.

Ms. Stone brings an illustrious professional history to this important cause. She is a 2004 Casey Fellow, one of 30 journalists sponsored by the Casey Journalism Center on Children and Families to attend its five-day seminar "Condition Critical: Covering Children's Health." A 2002–03 Kaiser Media Fellow, she was one of six journalists selected by the Kaiser Family Foundation to research and report on health issues. Her fellowship project was sexual abuse in Black families. Ms. Stone was founding editor in chief of *essence.com*, the interactive version of the premiere African-American women's magazine, *Essence*. She joined the magazine in September 1997 as a senior editor and ultimately was appointed executive editor. Before joining *Essence*, Ms. Stone was deputy editor of The Living Section at The New York Times. She came to The Times from The Boston Globe, where she was an editor in the living/arts department.

I commend Ms. Stone for the courage and eloquence she has shown in bringing this issue before the American people. We know she has performed an invaluable public service in so doing. Indeed, Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, preeminent child psychiatrist and professor at Harvard Medical School, has commented that "No Secrets, No Lies breaks the silence about sexual abuse within the Black community . . . [and] Robin Stone makes a major contribution to the well-being of Black children and families."

Robin Stone's professional success and her personal fulfillment as a wife and mother exemplify that child sexual abuse does not have to determine the life course of those who are victims of this vile crime. Indeed, there is tremendous power, triumph and inspiration to be found in the survivor's story. So, it behooves those of us who make and shape the laws and who care about building a safer and saner society to listen, learn and heed the lessons from these survivors and the professionals who seek to help them heal and move beyond the pain. Paying attention to the issues raised in *No Secrets, No Lies* is our challenge and responsibility if we are to keep our promises to children, that is, to protect every child from abuse and ensure that all children—regardless of what family they are born to—have a safe, healthy and happy childhood.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID POLLOCK'S SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize David Pollock, a school board member for the Moorpark Unified School District in my district, for his service as the 2003–2004 president of the California School Boards Association.

David Pollock has served on Moorpark's board of education since 1994 and was board president in 1998–1999. He also served as president of the Ventura County School Boards Association from 1999–2002. He represented Region 11 as a member of the California School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly and served as a member and chair of the California School Boards Association's Nominating Committee from 1999–2002.

He has also served on the Legislative Committee, the Federal Issues Council, the Collective Bargaining Task Force and as a governmental relations chair and Golden Bell onsite validator. As president-elect, David Pollock served as chair of the Legislative Committee, a board member of the CCS Partnership and a delegate to the National School Boards Association.

David Pollock completed his undergraduate work at Pepperdine University and earned a master's in business administration from the University of California, Los Angeles. He holds a commercial pilot's license and is the manager of market planning for Rocketdyne, a business unit of The Boeing Company.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will thank David Pollock for his service to the Moorpark, Ventura County and California school board associations and congratulate him for his year as president of the California School Boards Association.

CONGRATULATING KIT CARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate Kit Carson R-1 Elementary School in Kit Carson, Colorado for being chosen as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of 2004. The Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private K-12 schools that are academically superior in their states or have demonstrated dramatic gains in student achievement.

Schools chosen for the Blue Ribbon are meeting the mission of ensuring every child is learning and achieving. Blue Ribbon recipients are national models of excellence from which other schools can learn. I am proud of Kit Carson R-1 Elementary School for serving as a model in the great state of Colorado, and throughout the entire nation.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program requires schools to meet specific assessment criteria. It recognizes schools that have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance in accordance with state assessment systems. The program also rewards schools that score in the top 10 percent on state assessments.

Kit Carson's 37 students scored in the top 10 percent nationwide in math and reading. Additionally, Kit Carson Elementary is only one of 27 rural schools in the nation that received the Blue Ribbon title.

It is an honor to announce this award and it is a testament to the exceptional students of rural Colorado. It proves that a quality education is obtainable when teachers, parents, and students strive for achievement. Com-

pared to other elementary schools around the nation, Kit Carson may be small in size, but it is prominent in its standing.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to offer my warmest congratulations to Kit Carson Elementary for this achievement.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF CESAR HERNANDEZ

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Cesar Hernandez.

Cesar died on July 5th of this year at age 61. His contribution to New Mexico lives on. Cesar was publisher of the Spanish language newspaper, *La Razon*.

With a circulation of 17,000 copies, Cesar's newspaper is a major source of news and information for the substantial Spanish-speaking population of New Mexico.

This newspaper's importance to the population it serves is difficult to over-emphasize. We live in an era of news up-to-the minute and always available, but to a person who reads or understands primarily Spanish, the sources of information are often rare or incomplete. *La Razon* fills that gap and offers its readers valuable, practical information for their day-to-day lives.

Cesar's family will never forget the day they became New Mexicans, because it was September 11, 2001. Cesar started his newspaper one week later. Cesar logged decades of experience in radio and newspaper, and got his start in Chicago, Illinois. Today, his work goes on in New Mexico under the direction of his wife, Antoinette, and his family.

In three years, Cesar contributed much to his adopted state, New Mexico. As his daughter Leslie put it, "My father loved the newspaper." We're proud to recognize Cesar Hernandez, and we honor his memory and contribution to New Mexico.

TRIBUTE TO ORANGE "BUDDY" HAYS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise to inform my colleagues of the passing of Orange "Buddy" Hays, one of Miami-Dade County's most quietly effective and dignified patriarchs and a community leader and mentor who had the ability to transform the lives of everyone he met.

Mr. Hays death on Sunday, September 12, 2004, has cast a veil of deep sadness over our community. The funeral services to celebrate his life were held Saturday, September 18, at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church in Miami, Florida.

Buddy Hays was a good and decent man who contributed greatly to our community, professionally, as a City of Miami police officer and as the District Manager of HUD for more than 30 years. But I knew him, much more

closely and at a young age, as someone who was wise, and strong, and fair—a great role model.

He was like a father and mentor to me, and I've been blessed and inspired by the good words and magnificent examples of this ordinary human being who went about quietly helping youngsters in our community, simply because of his great goodness and the fact that there were youngsters out there who needed his help. My friend, State Rep. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall described Mr. Hays as someone who "... will be missed by so many. He was steadfast and relentless in his mission to make this community a better place, and he did."

Buddy Hays was a delicately drawn character of quiet demeanor and dignified commitment to the well-being and growth of the neediest and most vulnerable in our community. He projected a vision of service and faith. His passing is a terrible loss, but the legacy of his caring and love lives on, and I am part of that legacy.

The world is a better place because of Orange "Buddy" Hays. It would be a high goal for anyone to set to follow the path that he blazed.

RECOGNIZING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES T. SEIGFREID

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, Missouri State Representative James T. Seigfreid, a dedicated public servant, will be leaving the Missouri House of Representatives. He is retiring after eight years of serving the people of the 26th district.

After graduating from Warrensburg High School in 1963, he attended Central Missouri State University where he received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1972. He served in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1974.

During his tenure, Mr. Seigfreid had many legislative accomplishments, one of which was the passage of an election reform bill. He also worked tirelessly for the improvement of Missouri's state roads.

In addition to his dedication to public service, Jim is a member of the First Christian Church of Marshall, the State Corn Husking Committee, Marshall Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club, and Saline County Unit, American Cancer Society.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Seigfreid has served the people of the 26th District for eight years. As he prepares for the next stage in his life, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing him all the best.

HONORING DR. ARIE HALACHMI, PROFESSOR AT TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable achievements of Dr.

Arie Halachmi, who has earned a global reputation for his work at Tennessee State University's Institute of Government.

Over the last three decades, Dr. Halachmi has become one of the world's leading experts on public sector performance and productivity—an expertise that I know here in Congress cannot be valued too highly. During his distinguished career, Dr. Halachmi has served as a consultant to government agencies in more than a dozen countries around the world. Among the many nations that the worldwide demand for his services has taken him to are the Netherlands, China, Korea, Israel, Germany and Greece. He has received numerous national and international awards, including the Don Stone, Donato Pugliese, and Harold Lasswell awards, and is on the editorial board of nine different academic journals.

Dr. Halachmi was recently honored by his colleagues when he received a Faculty Showcase Award from TSU for his outstanding service to his institution and community. He has also received a "Goodwill Ambassador Award" from the governor of my State, Tennessee. I am proud to add my voice to the many others who have recognized the importance of Dr. Halachmi's work.

The worldwide reputation of scholars such as Dr. Halachmi is testament to the strength of Tennessee State University and to the strength of our Nation's academic institutions. We in Congress have an obligation to ensure that universities such as TSU remain adequately funded, and that our country's colleges and universities continue to lead the world in scholarship and expertise. My State is fortunate to have a wealth of leading academic institutions, including TSU, and I am proud to say that I am committed to maintaining their excellence.

On behalf of the citizens of the Fifth District of Tennessee, I congratulate Dr. Halachmi on his many contributions to American scholarship.

CELEBRATING CONSTITUTION WEEK AND CIVIC EDUCATION

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, this November millions of young people will take part in one of our most cherished American traditions, a cornerstone of citizenship, when they exercise their right to vote. As we celebrate Constitution Week, I'd like to encourage the members of this body, and teachers and parents everywhere to promote quality civic education. I am particularly encouraged by one national effort that seeks to promote that very goal in our schools.

Around this time last year, the first annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education was launched, sponsored by the Alliance for Representative Democracy and co-hosted by the four leaders of this and the other body.

The conference established delegations that returned to their states to enact specific policies to restore the oft-overlooked civic mission of our schools. I commend Russell Sage College Professor Stephen Schechter, and the other members of the New York State delegation, for their leadership to improve civic education in our state.

Our state delegation has joined with the New York State Education Department to convene a series of Civics Summits to identify our most pressing needs in civic education. They have brought together a consortium of over 25 governmental and nongovernmental organizations to determine how best to meet these needs, designed an action plan focusing on the importance of teacher training, and sought out funding from the private sector to begin their important work.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the New York State civic education delegation and wish them continued success when they participate in the Second Annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education in December.

HONORING JOAN LYNCH ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, when I was in fourth grade, my family moved back to Galeton, Colorado. Soon after starting school, I met a little girl named Cynthia Lynch. We quickly became best friends, and I grew to love her family as my own. I have always had a special place in my heart for her dear mother, Joan. Today, with love and gratitude, I honor Joan on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Joan Lynch was born on October 12, 1924 in Greeley, Colorado, and is the third of five children. There was some confusion about her name. She was raised on the Colorado prairie by William and Kathryn Nelson who farmed northeast of Ault. In the depression and dust-bowl days of the 1930s, her family temporarily left the prairie to find work but did eventually return to the homestead her father had settled in 1915. She has always considered the prairie her home.

She has always had a passion for books and learning, especially history. She speaks of her education in the one-room school at "North Victor" as her favorite school experience. Her sisters and she walked a mile and a half to and from school each day, across an open prairie. She later graduated from Central City Colorado High School in 1942, and attended the Teacher's College in Greeley.

Joan and "Corky" Lynch, were married in 1946 and lived on the East Coast while he was stationed there in the Navy. I've seen pictures of them in those early days. What a goodlooking couple!

They returned to Colorado in 1947 and farmed in the Milliken area before moving in 1956 to the ranch where Joan continues to live today, northeast of Ault, and only a few miles from the homestead where she grew up. As teenagers, Cindy and I would always giggle and be slightly embarrassed when Corky would leave for work and give Joan a big kiss on his way out of the house. Really, though, we loved it.

Corky passed away in 1999 from cancer. He and Joan celebrated 53 years together. I am so thankful I was able to go and see him before he passed away. I told him how much I appreciated all he and Joan had done for me growing up. We both cried. The older he got, the more tender-hearted he became. He was 75 years old when he passed away.

I love Joan and I will never forget what she has done for me. As a young girl, she gave me lunch money when I needed it, and she put up with my frequent visits to spend the night. That love and support helped me get through the tough times and I will always hold that love in my heart. The way she has lived life has been a constant inspiration to me and her Christian example has always been present for all of us to see. May God bless her today as her family and friends celebrate her birthday. I love her dearly and cherish her as a second mother to me. I am pleased to honor a precious lady on this occasion of her 80th birthday.

PROCLAMATION THANKING LIEUTENANT CHARLES L. WILKINS III FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

We hereby offer our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Lieutenant Charles L. Wilkins III upon the death of this outstanding soldier; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Charles L. Wilkins III was a member of the 216th Engineering Battalion of the Ohio National Guard serving his great nation in the country of Iraq. He was a leader in his unit and is to be commended for the honor and bravery that he displayed while serving our nation in this time of war; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Charles L. Wilkins III will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

Therefore, we join with the family, friends and the citizens of our great nation in thanking Lieutenant Charles L. Wilkins III of the United States Army for his service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

COMMENDING CARL G. STOECKLIN

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives to Carl G. Stoecklin upon the completion of his term as President of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA).

Carl Stoecklin is a pillar of the insurance community in the State of Ohio. As President of the Broze Insurance Agency of Cincinnati, he has spent his entire professional career advising consumers about obtaining the best insurance coverage for their needs.

He has been honored as Professional Agent of the year by PIA of Ohio in 1995, and was the recipient of the prestigious Dow Reichley Award from PIA of Ohio in 1985.

Carl has served in many positions of responsibility in PIA for the past quarter century, including as President of the Ohio affiliate of the PIA and for the last year as the President of the national association.

His dedication to the highest standards of professionalism as an insurance agent has earned Carl the respect of his friends, associates, and business colleagues, and of the insurance industry as a whole.

As Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, I recognize the essential and irreplaceable function that insurance provides in our economy.

Carl G. Stoecklin deserves our commendations for his dedicated service to his consumers, profession, and community.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDITH
BERSTEIN-BAKER, A 2004 RECIPIENT
OF THE MARY PHILBROOK
PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Judith Bernstein-Baker as a 2004 recipient of the Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award. This award is given annually by the Women's Law Caucus and the Association for Public Interest Law, in cooperation with the Rutgers University Law School and its Alumni Association, to acknowledge gifted, dedicated individuals who contribute outstanding work on behalf of social justice and equality.

Ms. Bernstein-Baker currently serves as the Executive Director at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia, which works to ensure the protection and fair treatment of immigrants and refugees, to assist such persons in their efforts to become productive members of society, and to educate the larger community about the positive ways in which new Americans contribute to society. She brings to this position a lifelong commitment to fighting poverty and prejudice. Born to a Jewish immigrant who had fled Poland to avoid persecution, she worked first as a social worker helping to organize communities and improve neighborhoods. Ms. Bernstein-Baker went on to graduate from Temple University Law School, as well as to serve as Counsel to the Support Center for Child Advocates and to found the nationally-known Public Service Program at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She continues to contribute valuable leadership in the field and has done notable federal appellate work as well.

Mary Philbrook, for whom the award is named, was the first woman admitted to the New Jersey Bar and a founder of the state's first statewide legal aid society, as well as an eminent leader in the efforts for women's suffrage and the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. It is in this tradition that the award is given each year, and it is clear that Ms. Bernstein-Baker's work has made her more than worthy of this recognition. She truly has demonstrated the difference that one person can make in the lives of others, and I offer her my congratulations and best wishes in her future endeavors.

HONORING JOHN R. OLIVAS, JR.

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of John R. Olivas, Jr., an outstanding young man from Johnstown, Colorado, who tragically lost his life at a young age.

John was born Aug. 23, 1985, in Loveland to his loving parents, John R. Olivas, Sr., and Christine T. "Tina" (Quintana) Olivas.

John graduated from Roosevelt High School, where he was on the student council and he was a four-year letterman on the varsity wrestling team, and won the State Championship in 2003. He was currently attending the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, and he was also a member of the UNC wrestling team. He was also currently working for Affordable Painting in Fort Collins.

John loved being with his family and they loved being with him. John lived a full life and he enjoyed fishing, spending time with his friends, clubs, watching movies, snowboarding, and wrestling. He had one sister, Danielle, 16, who is currently attending Roosevelt High School. She is very active in volleyball.

He was known as a "good kid" who did a lot of favors for people and he asked for no recognition. He loved to play with kids, including his cousins and young wrestlers. The younger kids that wrestled looked up to John, and saw him as a hero. It was nothing for him to stop by their house to make them feel special. John was a very selfless person and would do anything for anybody.

Wrestling was one of John's passions, and he had dreams of becoming a wrestling coach some day. Many shared that dream with him and knew he would be able to inspire many wrestlers and help them excel. John began wrestling at the young age of five. His dad used to wrestle and was a volunteer coach. His dad got him involved, taking him to wrestling matches, and he began to really like it. From that time on, wrestling was a big part of his life. John's parents were supportive of this and attended match after match and basked in their son's extraordinary talent and discipline.

Survivors are his parents, John R. and Tina Olivas of Johnstown; a sister, Danielle Olivas of Johnstown; his grandparents, Felix and Viola Quintana of Johnstown and Mary Martinez of Loveland, step-grandfather Joe Martinez of Loveland; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. The loss his friends and family feel is tremendous and he will be sorely missed. John will always be present in their hearts.

It is my honor to pay tribute to John Olivas, Jr.'s life on the floor of the United States House of Representatives. May God bless all those who mourn his passing. May God comfort them in the days and years to come.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
DANIEL W. SWONGER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Daniel W. Swonger has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Daniel W. Swonger has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Daniel W. Swonger has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Daniel W. Swonger must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 86 and Daniel's family and friends in congratulating Daniel W. Swonger as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

RECOGNIZING THE PHI DELTA
KAPPA INTERNATIONAL OREGON
STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege today to honor an outstanding educator from my district who was recently selected as Oregon's State Teacher of the Year by Phi Delta Kappa International.

Meg Greiner is a physical education teacher at Independence Elementary School in Independence, Oregon. Ms. Greiner has been a pioneer in innovative physical education programs that get students interested in physical activity by making them fun. Every morning, all students and staff members at Independence Elementary go to the gym to participate in Together Everyone Achieves More Time, or TEAM. Greiner leads a variety of movement exercises and dances that feature team-building activities and music. Through these daily sessions that involve exciting and novel activities, students have learned more than 50 dances and five sign language songs.

Greiner's innovative approach during TEAM Time as well as during regular PE classes creates an inviting environment in which students feel safe enough to participate and take risks, which fosters interest in a lifetime of physical activity. But these classes do much more than teaching children about being physically active. In addition to learning new physical skills and activities, students learn positive behavior and character traits such as teamwork, responsibility, respect, and problem-solving.

Ms. Greiner's excellent work and the support she has received from school officials and the community has shown that physical education can be a vital part of the educational curriculum that helps students in their physical as well as their social, mental, and academic development. Schools across the country could benefit by modeling the approach Independence Elementary has implemented with Ms. Greiner's leadership. As a former teacher, I am excited to see Ms. Greiner receive the recognition she deserves.

COMMENDING DICK STRAHM

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend to the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives the achievements of Dick Strahm, a great football coach, civic figure, and role model for our young people.

Dick Strahm's accomplishments as the head football coach at the University of Findlay were formally recognized in August when he was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame in South Bend, Indiana.

Simply put, Dick Strahm is Findlay football. In his 24 years as head coach for the Findlay Oilers, he compiled a record of 183–64–5 that included four National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) championships. His fourth and final national title came in 1997 when the Oilers were a perfect 14–0. During one remarkable ten-year run, his teams won nine Hoosier-Buckeye Conference championships. The team's record in the 1990s was the best in the country for NAIA schools.

Dick is a 12-time NAIA District 22 Coach of the Year and four-time National Coach of the Year. With his induction into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame, he joins such coaching legends as Woody Hayes, Knute Rockne, and Amos Alonzo Stagg.

But while my hometown of Findlay is proud of Dick Strahm's record on the football field, it has even greater respect for the influence that he has had on the lives of the young men in his program and in his community.

Because they do not receive athletic scholarships, those who attend NAIA schools truly are students first and athletes second. Dick Strahm always recognized that. He insisted that his players be as diligent in the classroom as they were on the field. By teaching the importance of commitment, discipline, and perseverance, Dick Strahm has prepared countless young men to become successful businessmen, public servants, and husbands and fathers.

Dick Strahm will be honored at a dinner at the University of Findlay on Saturday, September 25. Findlay continues to look to Coach Strahm for advice and guidance. We are glad that the nation now knows what we've known all along: our community is blessed to have such a great teacher and leader in our midst.

RECOGNIZING DR. LINDA
PENDERGAST**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Linda Pendergast from Baton Rouge, Louisiana—my nominee for the 2004 Angels in Adoption Award.

Dr. Pendergast is a reunited birthmother who has devoted a large part of her life in volunteer service to the adoption community of Louisiana. As a member of the Catholic Community Services Adoption Advisory Board, she has provided prenatal education and support

to pregnant teens in residence at Sanctuary House, a ministry of Catholic Services in Baton Rouge. She also has conducted behavioral/temperament assessments of infants placed for adoption through Catholic Community Services as a post-adoption strategy to foster family cohesiveness, parental satisfaction with the parenting role and optimal infant development.

Dr. Pendergast is a coordinator and facilitator of a search and support group for adult adoptees, birthparents, and adoptive parents. She also serves as an advisor to Louisiana Adoption Advocates—a legislative group dedicated to adoption reform. A member of the Louisiana Adoption Advisory Bd. Inc., Dr. Pendergast has served 4 years as Board secretary and is in her second term as Vice Chair in addition to numerous other involvements in scholarship and volunteer programs.

Her fight for Louisiana's children is a personal one. The happiness of her reunited family is a bright example of her commitment. It is individuals like Dr. Pendergast and her colleagues on the Louisiana Adoption Advisory Board who are truly making a difference in our communities.

This week the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute is honoring Linda and hundreds of devoted volunteers like her in ceremonies in Washington, DC. I am proud to honor Dr. Pendergast as one of Louisiana's Angels in Adoption.

HONORING HAWTHORNE POLICE
CHIEF JOHN L. SHANNON, JR.**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Police Chief John L. Shannon, Jr. of Hawthorne, New Jersey. Chief Shannon retires at the end of September, concluding a nearly 36 year career in law enforcement. In fact, Chief Shannon has spent much of his life bravely serving our country—first as a decorated soldier in the United States Air Force stationed in Vietnam and later as a committed member and leader of Hawthorne's Police Force. I commend Chief Shannon for his dedication to our nation and its ideals of justice and freedom, both at home and abroad; Chief Shannon's lifetime of service is befitting a true patriot.

Since first joining the Hawthorne Police Department in 1968, and with each position he has held between Patrolman and Police Chief, Chief Shannon has continually worked to improve the safety and quality of life for Hawthorne residents by involving them in Police Department decisions and programs. Chief Shannon was a leader in the development of the Cops in Schools program in Hawthorne to ensure that, while in school, students can concentrate on achievement and not be distracted by concerns for their safety. He established a School Emergency Response Plan, implemented a Junior Police Academy, created a traffic unit to focus on motorcycles and drunk and aggressive driving, and worked with seniors and business owners to create targeted crime prevention programs. Chief Shannon introduced the community policing concept to

Hawthorne and thus encouraged residents and police to work together to improve their shared community.

Judging by the unanimous vote that allowed Chief Shannon to serve for 3 terms as the President of the Passaic County Chiefs Association, his Vice Presidency and role as State Delegate of the Hawthorne PBA Local 200, and his membership in the New Jersey, National and International Police Chiefs Associations, Chief Shannon is clearly admired and respected by his peers. The impact of his leadership will be seen for years to come in Hawthorne and Passaic County.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chief Shannon for his estimable service and wish him well in his much deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAROLE
WOOD, A 2004 RECIPIENT OF THE
MARY PHILBROOK PUBLIC IN-
TEREST AWARD**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carole Wood as a 2004 recipient of the Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award. This award is given annually by the Women's Law Caucus and the Association for Public Interest Law, in cooperation with the Rutgers University Law School and its Alumni Association, to acknowledge gifted, dedicated individuals who contribute outstanding work on behalf of social justice and equality.

Ms. Wood currently serves as the Immigration Coordinator at the Camden Center for Law and Social Justice. She has spent much of her career as a devoted advocate for indigent immigrants, beginning first with her work as a VISTA volunteer following her graduation from Chicago-Kent College of Law. From there, she went on to serve as supervising immigration attorney at Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, where she not only represented clients, but also trained attorneys and assisted community groups in their efforts. In addition to her current role at the Camden Center, which includes working with clients, training attorneys, and supervising students at the Rutgers Immigration Pro Bono Project, Ms. Wood is the Southern Regional Coordinator for the New Jersey Immigration Policy Network and the regional representative on statewide committees, a Lead Trainer for the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, an extremely active member in the National Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), and a member of the Diocese of Camden's Racial Justice Committee.

I have also had the honor and privilege of working with Ms. Wood personally. She has proved extremely responsive in the context of emergency constituent cases with which my district office has dealt and has been more than willing to share her vast knowledge of immigration law with my staff in their efforts to aid my constituents. Additionally, over the past several years, she has proved invaluable in her efforts to assist my district office with the process of restructuring our immigration case-work system. She has devoted considerable time to reviewing our existing system and meeting with the relevant staff in my office to

modify the casework procedures to meet the new standards of the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. Her suggestions and expertise were also instrumental in assisting my efforts to dramatically expand the BCIS presence in South Jersey; now, individuals needing the agency's services do not have to travel long distances to other parts of the state to have access to them. It is this dedication and assistance on the part of Ms. Wood that demonstrated to me why she was worthy of my personal nomination for this award.

Mary Philbrook, for whom the award is named, was the first woman admitted to the New Jersey Bar and a founder of the state's first statewide legal aid society, as well as an eminent leader in the efforts for women's suffrage and the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. It is in this tradition that the award is given each year, and it is clear that Ms. Woods' work has made her more than worthy of this recognition. She truly has demonstrated the difference that one person can make in the lives of others, and I offer her my congratulations and best wishes in her future endeavors.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
WILLIAM DAVID THARP

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, William David Tharp has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, William David Tharp has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, William David Tharp has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, William David Tharp must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with William's Boy Scout Troup and his family and friends in congratulating William David Tharp as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING SISTER M. SAMUEL
CONLAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister M. Samuel Conlan, who died July 11, 2004, at the age of 77. Sister Samuel served Dominican University of California in San Rafael in many capacities, including president, for many years. Her association with the school dates back to 1944 when she enrolled as a freshman.

Sister Samuel was born Patricia Conlan in 1927 and took the name of her father, Samuel Leo Conlan Jr., when she entered the religious life with the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael in 1949. She taught for five years while

earning a master's degree in English literature from Catholic University of America, then joined the faculty as an English professor. In 1963, she earned her doctorate from Stanford University.

From 1968 to 1980 she served Dominican University as dean of students, academic dean, and eventually president. She is remembered for admitting male undergraduates to the all-girls college during her tenure, but to all who knew her, her contributions were so much greater. She inspired by bringing out the best in people, teaching by her example of faith and service. Her community work, which earned her an induction into the Marin County Women's Hall of Fame in 1995, included championing the needs of children in special education.

Retired from teaching in 1997, Sister Samuel continued to serve Dominican University in various capacities until her death, including fundraising for a new chapel to be built on the campus.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Samuel was a mentor and role model to generations of students and friends. Her guiding light will be missed in our community even as we know her spirit lives on in so many around the world.

RECOGNIZING MARILYN HURT

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the good works of Marilyn Hurt, who has served as supervisor of the School Nutrition Program for the school district of La Crosse, Wisconsin for 27 years. Mrs. Hurt has been dedicated to improving the lives of children and child nutrition, and I would like to thank her for all her hard work upon her retirement.

Over the years, Marilyn has been an active member on numerous community boards, including the American School Food Service Association and the Wisconsin School Food Service Association. Marilyn has found good public policy to be her passion, which she has illustrated by serving as a legislative chair on Wisconsin's executive board, six times, and, in 1984, she was appointed as regional Representative on ASFSA's public policy and legislative committee. Further, in July of 2000, Marilyn was installed as president of ASFSA. To better serve her community, she was mayor of Dakota, Minnesota for two terms, participates in rotary international, and is part of the La Crosse area hunger task force.

Her relentless commitment to improving the lives of those around her has earned Marilyn several honors. In 1994, she was the first recipient of the WSFSA Director of the year award. The Massachusetts school food service association selected Marilyn to receive the Thomas O'Hearn award, and most recently, she was the recipient of the prestigious silver plate award, bestowed by the International Food Service Manufacturers Association in 2000.

Marilyn has nourished the lives of countless children, and I am proud to have had the opportunity to have worked with such a committed and devoted person. Marilyn's dedication has satisfied more than the grumbling

stomachs of young children. Her efforts have improved the food service program in numerous schools across Wisconsin.

Marilyn has played an instrumental role in the lives of children and their families and her selfless desire to improve the nutrition of children will be remembered not only by the children who walked through the lunch line every day, but by the entire La Crosse community. She will be missed, and we are grateful for the work she has done over the past 27 years.

PILOT POINT SELECTED AS A
PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today to recognize the Town of Pilot Point, Texas as a Preserve America Community. Pilot Point, located in my North Texas District, was one of 26 Texas cities to receive this prestigious designation.

The Preserve America Community program recognizes communities for their dedication to protecting and celebrating America's cultural heritage; for using their historic assets for increased economic growth and community revitalization; and for promoting history education and historical tourism.

The Preserve America Community program is part of the White House's Preserve America Initiative. This initiative is dedicated to preserving our country's heritage, increasing awareness of what as well as who we are as a nation, and keeping our legacy enhanced, and intact, for future generations. Since the formation of the program, First Lady Laura Bush has recognized more than 100 communities with the Preserve America honor.

Other components of the program include a History Teacher of the Year Award, educational outreach, and grants to assist communities in preserving their cultural and natural resources.

I would like to commend Mayor Jerry Alford and the City Council, as well as all those who participated in the Main Street project, for this distinction.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday September 21, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall votes that day.

Had I been present I would have voted the following:

Rollcall 457, on the Van Hollen amendment prohibiting any funds in H.R. 5025—Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2005, from being used to implement the administration's "OMB Circular A-76" contracting out/privatization initiative, I would have voted "yea", rollcall 458, on the Sanders-Miller amendment prohibiting funds in H.R. 5025 from being used to overturn a 2003 judicial ruling, which held that cash-balance pension conversions violate anti-

age discrimination statutes, I would have voted "yea", and on rollcall 459, on the Norton Amendment prohibiting Federal Employee Health Plans from offering high deductible plans that do not require at least a 3-year minimum enrollment, I would have voted "yea".

PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
STAFF SERGEANT DONALD N.
DAVIS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of SSG Donald N. Davis upon the death of this outstanding soldier.

SSG Davis was a member of the 660th Transportation Company, U.S. Army Reserve, Zanesville, Ohio serving our great Nation in the country of Iraq. He was a determined man and a loving husband. SSG Davis did his best to make his country a better place to live.

SSG Davis will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of SSG Donald N. Davis.

HONORING STEVE McNAMARA OF
MILL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve McNamara of Mill Valley, California, for his 39 years as editor and publisher of the award-winning and innovative weekly newspaper, the Pacific Sun. Steve purchased the paper in 1966, and developed it into a newsweekly known for its quality writing, environmental advocacy, commitment to journalistic integrity, and strong relationships with the communities it serves.

The Pacific Sun, under Steve's leadership, set a national standard for how local newspapers can influence the fabric of a community. The paper told stories about local people and took positions on important social issues, fulfilling its mission "to cover events of ongoing significance with clarity, intelligence, style, and wit."

The Sun was an influential player in opposing unfortunate environmental projects such as building a nuclear power plant at Bodega Bay on the San Andreas Fault and filling in Richardson Bay for Los Angeles style marinas. Steve also promoted the creation of Point Reyes National Seashore, preserving the beautiful Marin county coast as a jewel of the national park system rather than home to thousands of commercial and residential sites. He successfully championed the building of a new civic center designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, now the pride of Marin County, and

was prophetic, though unsuccessful, in encouraging development of a solar village at Hamilton Air Force Base.

Steve has always believed that the written word should be celebrated. More importantly, he has always stuck to the notion that ideas and activities should be reported on what he calls the "human scale"—focusing on small, tangible issues and activities to which people can relate. During his career at the Sun, he was passionate about reporting local events, local politics and social issues, and local people. Steve was able to bring these elements together, and by doing so, he helped make up the fabric of the community.

Prior to purchasing the Sun in 1966, Steve was the Sunday editor of the San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle. He had also been the executive sports editor of The Examiner, a writer covering Grand Prix auto racing in Europe for Car and Driver Magazine, and a reporter and editor at The Miami Herald and Winston-Salem Journal. Steve became the first president of the National Association of Alternative Newsweeklies (now AAN), which has nearly 130 member papers and was a founding president of the California Association of Alternative Newsweeklies (Cal-AAN), president of the California Society of Newspaper Editors and a member of the board of the California Newspapers Association. After 50 years in journalism, 39 of them at the Pacific Sun, Steve made his decision to sell the Pacific Sun and move on to other projects at the age of 70.

Steve is proud to have been a resident of Mill Valley for so many years. His five children, and especially his wife Kay, all had an active role in the paper at some point in their lives. With his family's help, Steve made the Pacific Sun a success, its reputation as the conscience of Marin County often contrasting with the area's daily newspaper.

Mr. Speaker, Steve McNamara's record social activism, ethical reporting, and community leadership embodies the idea of living and working on the human scale, and as a result, Steve has become an important part of so many lives in the North Bay. I have enjoyed working with Steve and wish him luck in his new endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SAN DIEGO LOCAL
HEROES

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which commemorates the extraordinary contributions that Latinos have made to our country throughout history. During this one-month period of celebration and tribute, we honor the culture and achievements of the Hispanic community, all of which have played a historic role in our Nation.

I am proud, honored and privileged to represent California's 53rd district in Congress. My district is extraordinarily diverse and home to many citizens who are of Latino background.

To commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month 2004, I would like to highlight the remarkable accomplishments of six San Diego residents

who have been named local heroes as part of the Union Bank of California and KPBS Hispanic Heritage Month Local Hero Awards, a program honoring outstanding members of the Hispanic community.

These individuals were selected for their exceptional commitment and contribution to San Diego through community activism, the arts, business, education and social services.

The 2004 honorees are Sylvia Galvez, Jovita Juarez, Beatrice Fernandez, Mario Aguilar and Beatrice Zamora Aguilar, and Lupe Ortega.

Sylvia Galvez: Sylvia Galvez opened a group home in 1995 to help troubled female teens who had no place to stay, and is now operating two six-bed, 24-hour licensed treatment facilities in San Diego. Sylvia was inspired to help these girls because she felt she could relate to them. She herself dropped out of high school when she was 16 and pregnant with her first child. By the age of 21, she had given birth to three children and was working as a painter for both the Navy Public Works Department and the painting company of Mr. Willie Davis. It was Mr. Davis who helped her return to school at the age of 28. She graduated from City College in 1991 with an A.A. in Liberal Arts and transferred to National University where she earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in Human Behavior. Recently, she and her husband purchased an eight-unit apartment complex to help foster teens after they turn 18 years old.

Jovita Juarez: Jovita Juarez is a Prevention Specialist and Community Organizer for the North City Prevention Coalition and an activist working with SAY San Diego. She uses her leadership skills to provide guidance for new prevention professionals, helping them become more productive and successful. Jovita is also the chairperson of two countywide prevention efforts: the statewide organization Latinos and Latinas for Health and Justice, where she is the Southern Chair, and the San Diego Cinco de Mayo Con Orgullo Coalition, where she has been chair for the past four years. Jovita has volunteered with many organizations throughout the years, including the National Council on Alcoholism & Drug, Hispanic Advisory Council-MADD Pass Las Llavas and Youth Access to Alcohol Policy Panel, to name a few. She is now writing a book, God's Transforming Power, which will provide a framework for early leadership development.

Bea Fernandez: Bea Fernandez has worked for San Diego City Schools for 20 years. She is currently the program coordinator for the San Diego District's San Diego Parent University, a four year program designed to help parents become involved in their children's education as academic coaches. Fernandez was also the Chair of the Board of MANA, a National Latina Organization. She began her service in 1995 in the San Diego chapter of MANA, the largest chapter in the nation, and was named MANA Member of the Year in 1995 for her activism, community service and commitment to the organization. Fernandez was born in Calexico, CA and the first in her family to graduate from college, earning a B.A. and M.A. in Education, and an administrative credential from San Diego State University.

Mario Aguilar and Beatrice Zamora-Aguilar: Mario Aguilar is Assistant Director of the Early Academic Outreach Program at University of California, San Diego. Beatrice Zamora-

Aguilar is Interim Dean of the School of Counseling and Personal Development at Southwestern College. In 1975, Mario became involved with the ancient indigenous dance tradition called Danza Azteca. In 1980 he and Beatrice were married and together they formed their own dance circle, Danza Mexicayotl. Their dance circle was recognized on December 12, 1980 in Mexico City at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe at a traditional dance ceremony. Since that time, Mario and Beatrice have consistently offered free dance classes to the communities of San Ysidro and Sherman Heights. Danza Mexicayotl has gained status as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and has as its mission, "To preserve and teach the indigenous traditions of Mexico and the Southwestern U.S." Danza Mexicayotl has become an active and well established dance tradition known throughout San Diego, California, the United States and in Mexico. Under the leadership of Mario and Beatrice, many other dance groups have formed throughout California and the Southwestern United States. Together, these groups help proliferate the songs, dance and spiritual movement of this ancient tradition from Mexico.

Lupe Ortega: Lupe Ortega is the Business Manager for O'Day Consultants, a civil engineering firm in North County, where she uses her bicultural background and bilingual skills as assets in her job. She is also a licensed real estate agent operating under Lupe Ortega Enterprises/PMT Companies, a public notary and member of the San Diego Association of Realtors. Ortega strongly agrees with giving back to the community and she donates her time, talents and skills by serving as a director on a number of boards and committees. She is also a skilled photographer and had some of her work published in Photographers Forum Best Photography Annual 1999.

Today, with an estimated Hispanic population of over 39 million in our country, we must also recognize that our efforts to commemorate Hispanic culture should not be limited merely to a one-month period. This is an outlook that each of the six San Diego Local Heroes embodies. These community leaders have used their skills and experiences to empower others. Their time and efforts are truly changing the lives of those around them.

I hope you, Mr. Speaker, and all of my colleagues will join me in honoring these unsung heroes and their accomplishments for the Latino community.

HONORING DIANE REHM FOR 25 YEARS OF RADIO BROADCASTING

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Diane Rehm, who today enters her 25th year of hosting her WAMU radio show, The Diane Rehm Show. Her show is a true public service and she deserves our thanks and recognition for her efforts.

In this era of 30-second soundbites, style over substance, and reporters interviewing other reporters, The Diane Rehm Show offers two hours per day of thoughtful, balanced examination of the issues. In fact, 1.4 million lis-

teners on NPR and Sirius satellite radio enjoy Ms. Rehm's refuge from the typical talking head radio hosts who don't listen.

While she has hosted the biggest names in public life, some of Ms. Rehm's most fascinating conversations are with callers or guests who are being interviewed for the first time. As she says, "It's crucial we hear not only the voices of policymakers and experts, but that everyone has a chance to offer their opinions and ask questions." Topics on the show range from the war in Iraq to the art of landscape design.

Ms. Rehm is also part of a tradition of public figures who turn adversity into a public service. In 1998, her career nearly came to a halt because of a mysterious speech problem. She took a leave of absence from the show until she was diagnosed and treated for spasmodic dysphonia, a neurological disorder. Not one to be defeated, she returned to the show and made a point of bringing attention to the condition by writing a book and speaking out about her disease. Shortly after her return to radio in 2000, she interviewed President Clinton and became the first radio talk show host to interview a sitting President in the Oval Office.

I'm sure I join many of my colleagues and the American public in thanking Ms. Rehm for 25 thought-provoking years. Again, we congratulate her and we look forward to many more years of The Diane Rehm Show to come.

2004 TEXAS HONOR SCHOOL BOARD FOR LEWISVILLE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate one of my hometown school districts for its outstanding achievements and recently being named the 2004 Texas Honor School Board by the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Among the factors that resulted in the recognition of the Lewisville School Board were its vision, commitment, and leadership as policy makers; commitment to the improvement of student performance and evidence of academic achievement; evidence of strong community support for the district; cooperation among board members and the superintendent; and evidence of successful school-business partnerships.

Congratulations to the following members of the Lewisville district school board: Mark Shaw, Fred Placke, Carol Kyer, Anita Nelson, Tom Kim, Mike McDaniel, and Tom Ferguson for the honor.

I am delighted that your award-winning performance has garnered you this recognition. Your work is greatly appreciated.

The Lewisville school district has a history of outstanding distinction throughout the state of Texas and continues to pursue educational excellence. Every member is vital to the overall goal and performance of the board.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JARED BLOOM

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Jared Bloom has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Jared Bloom has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Jared Bloom has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jared Bloom must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Rayland, the entire 18th Congressional District, Jared's family and friends in congratulating Jared Bloom as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING TYLER HAMILTON'S GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN'S CYCLING TIME TRIALS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a constituent of my district, Tyler Hamilton, who won the gold medal in the Men's Cycling Time Trials in Athens last month. Tyler finished the time trials with a time of 57 minutes and 37.74 seconds.

Many of you in this chamber may remember Tyler in last year's Tour de France, when he finished fourth after he broke his collarbone in the first stage of the race. However, Tyler's athletic career did not begin with cycling. He began skiing competitively with the University of Colorado ski team in the early 1990s. However, after a mountain biking injury ended his ability to continue to ski competitively he turned to cycling. Within a year Tyler became the NCAA cycling champion. He has continued to compete in a series of stage and one-day races, including becoming the first American to win the Liege-Bastogne-Liege, an annual 165 mile race held in Belgium.

Tyler is also actively involved with the Tyler Hamilton Foundation which works with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Junior Cycling. His foundation helps to provide care management for people affected by MS as well as promotes ways for people with MS to relieve social isolation and provides tools to live a fulfilling life while living with the disease.

Tyler is also working to promote the sport of cycling in the United States so that young aspiring cyclists can make it over the many hurdles to reach success in the sport. His foundation is working to broaden exposure to the sport of cyclists and expand organized cycling for the youth of America.

Tyler has made more than just a name for himself in the cycling world; he has made a name for the sport of cycling in the United States. I am sure I join many people in our

Nation as I express pride and appreciation for all Tyler has done for the sport of cycling and particularly his admirable representation of our nation in the 2004 Summer Olympics Games.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF GREGORY
MOORE OF EMMETT TOWNSHIP, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a good friend. Mr. Gregory Moore of Emmett Township, Michigan, was recently elected the Chairman of the Calhoun County, Michigan Board of Commissioners.

A Western Michigan University alumnus and graduate fellow of the prestigious Michigan Political Leadership Program, Greg has accomplished many good deeds with his extensive local, civic and political involvement. For 14 years, he worked in the Radiology Department in the Battle Creek Health System. He also co-owned and operated a small recycling business in Calhoun County. Greg is currently serving his third term on the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners and his 10th year as a member of the Emmett Township Planning Commission. He is a former neighborhood council president and George Award honoree for outstanding service to the community. Greg currently serves on a number of local boards and committees including: Character Unlimited, International Festival of Lights, Battle Creek Area International Relations Committee and the Substance Abuse Council of Greater Battle Creek, just to name a few. He has also been a Congressional District Director for five years.

He has been married for 15 years to his wonderful wife, Becky. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Greg Moore a great American.

MY ANGELS IN ADOPTION:
ANTONIO AND MARTHA GOMEZ

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two residents of my Congressional District, Antonio and Martha Gomez, who I have selected as my nominees for the sixth annual Angels in Adoption Award.

The Awards are an opportunity to honor dedicated constituents for their efforts in helping children, as well as an opportunity to raise awareness about adoption. Members of Congress are asked by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute to select an individual, couple or organization from their district who has made a difference in the lives of children, either through adoption, foster care or child welfare advocacy.

I selected Antonio and Martha as my Angels in Adoption because for the past eight years, they have provided a safe and loving home to a dozen foster children, ranging in age from 2

weeks to eighteen years. Their entry into the world of foster parenting was inspired by their daughter who had a friend who was a foster child. Because of her interest, Antonio and Martha decided to become foster parents, and they have never looked back.

Two years ago, they adopted one of their foster children who is now a happy five-year old who loves and is loved by his family, including the biological children of his parents—his 16 year old brother and 23 year old sister.

Besides being a foster parent and adoptive parent, Antonio has served as President of the Imperial Valley Foster Parents Association, and he is currently serving as Facilitator, arranging weekly training meetings for the foster parents in Imperial County, California. Martha is now President of the Association which works in cooperation with Imperial Valley College and the State Department of Social Services.

A celebratory banquet is being held tomorrow evening, Thursday, September 23rd, to honor all the nominated Angels in Adoption. Attending the celebration will be actress Jane Seymour, PGA golfer Kirk Triplett, and General Manager and Senior Vice President of the Orlando Magic, Pat Williams. My Angels, Antonio and Martha, will be joining me in attending the banquet, with travel arrangements the courtesy of Southwest Airlines and Pardee Construction Company.

I am sincerely proud of Antonio and Martha, because they have given of themselves for the benefit of the lives of so many children. Through their example, they are an inspiration to other foster and adoptive parents in the community in which they live.

It is an honor to recognize their significant contributions and to designate them as my Angels in Adoption.

OAK GROVE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Oak Grove Union School District on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. Established in 1854, the school district is the second oldest continuing school district in the state of California.

Wm. M. Rider, the first teacher FOR whom records are available, in 1857 had a daily attendance of 18 students. By 1858, attendance grew to 32 children. Currently, the district has over 650 students in grades K–8 supported by the two schools in the district: Oak Grove Elementary and Willowside School.

For one hundred and fifty years, the Oak Grove School District has educated numerous generations in Graton. This excellence would not have been possible without the support and efforts of the teachers, parents and community.

The community supports and benefits from the environmental friendly program at the Oak Grove School. The school has reduced its landfill waste by nearly 90 percent. Students

enjoy fresh vegetables and fruit grown from their own classroom gardens prepared by a volunteer teacher.

The Oak Grove School District is integral to the community. The community shares in the learning experiences of the students as they test new ideas and understands that we must all work together to prepare our students to be our nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Oak Grove School District for its commitment to extend education beyond the classroom and into the community for one hundred and fifty years.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MS.
NICOLE HARDESTY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Ms. Nicole Hardesty is a student at Utica High School in Utica, Ohio; and

Whereas, Ms. Nicole Hardesty is the recipient of the Best Buy Scholarship, a nationwide program that awards students on the basis of exceptional community service and solid academic performance; and

Whereas, Ms. Nicole Hardesty must be commended for her dedication and devotion to her community and academia; and

Whereas, Ms. Nicole Hardesty has demonstrated a willingness to be a leader and a role model for the students of Utica High School.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Ms. Nicole Hardesty and the Best Buy Children's Foundation for her outstanding accomplishment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I was out of town on official business yesterday, and missed Rollcall Vote numbers 457, 458, 459, and 460. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 457, "no" on rollcall 458, "no" on rollcall 459, and "no" on rollcall 460.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 15, I was unable to vote on the Hefley amendment (rollcall 455) and on the Moran amendment (rollcall 456) to H.R. 5025, the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on both amendments.

HONORING DEDE BARRY SILVER
MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S CY-
CLING TIME TRIALS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents, Dede Barry of Boulder, Colorado. Dede represented our country in the Summer Olympic Games in Greece last month. While there she won the silver medal in the Women's Cycling Time Trials, a 14.9 mile road race, with a finishing time of 31 minutes and 35.62 seconds.

Dede at a young age showed talent as an athlete not only in cycling but speed skating, which was her first sport. At the age of 13 she qualified for the Junior National Team in speed skating. As part of her cross training she began cycling in the summer and eventually competing during the summer when she was not skating. In 1989, she won the Junior World Cycling Championships.

Eventually she chose to focus strictly on cycling. Since that time she has won two gold medals at the Pan American Games, two world championship medals and six national championship titles. By winning the silver medal in Women's Cycling Time Trials she became only the fourth road cycling medal won by an American woman cyclist.

The sport of cycling has recently received increase exposure to the American public. However, most of that exposure has been in Men's cycling. Dede's silver medal win has opened doors to increase exposure to women's cycling and encouraging young girls to take up the sport.

Again, I would like to congratulate Dede on her silver medal and thank her for so proudly representing our Nation and the State of Colorado in the Olympic Games.

HONORING MR. DONALD R.
MANUEL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Donald R. Manuel has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious achievements in public service to this Nation by serving the United States Army for over 39 years. After being drafted in 1964, Mr. Manuel received his commission as a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery. Demonstrating keen expertise and artillery skills, he moved through various positions in the units at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and the US Army Engineer Supply Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1968, Mr. Manuel began his superior career as a United States Army Civilian employee as Program Manager for Value Engineering, Methods and Standards, and Commercial Activities. Because of his demonstrated abilities, in 1980 he was moved to his current position as the Assistant for General Engineering in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing), Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment). Currently Mr.

Manuel is the Army's primary policy person dealing with base closure and realignment actions.

Throughout his career, Mr. Manuel has provided outstanding leadership, advice, and sound professional judgment on significant issues that affected both the Army and the Congress. His actions and counsel were invaluable to Army leaders and Members of Congress as they considered the impact of important issues. Mr. Manuel's dedication to accomplishing the Army's mission has been extraordinary. He has been a truly outstanding career civil servant and will be missed by the United States Army.

HONORING RICHARD M. LEVY,
Ph.D.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Richard M. Levy, Ph.D., my constituent from the 14th Congressional District of California and Chairman, President and CEO of Varian Medical Systems, who will be awarded the AeA 2004 Medal of Achievement on October 7, 2004. Dr. Levy will join a very select group of high-tech leaders who have received this honor, including William Hewlett and David Packard of Hewlett Packard, Ross Perot of Electronic Data Systems, Thomas J. Watson, Jr. of IBM, and Gordon Moore and Andrew Grove of Intel.

The AeA Medal of Achievement is presented annually to recognize an individual who makes significant contributions to the advancement of and service to their community, the high-tech industry, and humankind. It is the highest award presented by AeA, the Nation's largest hightech trade association.

Varian Medical Systems was created in 1999 when Varian Associates, Inc., a company Dr. Levy joined in 1968, was divided into three separate companies. It provides high energy radiation machines and associated hardware and software for treating cancer, and x-ray tubes for imaging in medical, scientific and industrial applications. With over 2,500 radiotherapy systems in place delivering treatments to more than one million cancer patients per year, including over 50 percent of all cancer patients in the U.S., the company holds a clear leadership position in this technology. Varian Medical Systems also ranks as the world's largest merchant supplier of x-ray tubes, including products for use in CT scanners, mammography units, and other diagnostic systems.

Dr. Levy earned his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and his doctorate in Nuclear Chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley. He began his business career at the Monsanto Company where he applied his scientific background as a research specialist and project manager in both basic and applied research. Within Varian, prior to assuming management and CEO duties, he gained experience in sales, marketing, service, R&D, and various corporate functions as well as managing the corporate Quality Program. Dr. Levy served as senior vice president from 1989 to 1992, and executive vice president until 1999, when Varian Medical Systems was formed and he was named CEO.

Dr. Levy is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation and the Boards of Directors of Pharmacyclics, Inc. and the California Healthcare Institute. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of AeA, and served on the Board of Directors of the Diagnostic Imaging and Therapy Systems Division of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary leadership and contributions of Dr. Richard M. Levy as he receives the AeA Medal of Achievement Award.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MS.
LESLIE FEHRMAN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Ms. Leslie Fehrman is a student at Utica High School in Utica, Ohio; and

Whereas, Ms. Leslie Fehrman is the recipient of the Best Buy Scholarship, a nationwide program that awards students on the basis of exceptional community service and solid academic performance; and

Whereas, Ms. Leslie Fehrman must be commended for her dedication and devotion to her community and academia; and

Whereas, Ms. Leslie Fehrman has demonstrated a willingness to be a leader and a role model for the students of Utica High School.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Ms. Leslie Fehrman and the Best Buy Children's Foundation for her outstanding accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO CHILDREN'S HOS-
PITAL AND RESEARCH CENTER
IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity today to pay tribute to the Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland for its outstanding research in the area of childhood obesity—a growing epidemic among children—as well as for the superior care it provides its young hospital patients.

A biomedical center of international renown, the Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland is Northern California's premier resource for children's health and has been a center of excellence in pediatric healthcare, research, child advocacy, and medical training since 1912.

The Children's Hospital houses the Bay area's only pediatric Emergency Unit—treating over 54,000 young patients a year, Northern California's only Pediatric Trauma Center—treating more than 6,000 critically injured children a year, as well as California's busiest pediatric Intensive Care Unit. In its dedication to address the epidemic of childhood obesity, the Children's Hospital offers weight and nutritional programs for children and their families

to help promote healthy habits. The Hospital's new "Healthy Eating, Active Living" Clinic provides nutritional and physical training as well as counseling services for overweight children.

Researchers at the Hospital and Research Center have pioneered advances in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of childhood obesity. In the Research Center, over 300 basic and clinical investigators come together in an environment that fosters collaboration and an exchange of ideas for saving and improving lives.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives/Senate to join me in paying tribute to the Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland for the excellent care it provides its young patients as well as for the outstanding strides it has made in the research of childhood obesity.

THE ASSAULT ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I must inform you that Congress in general, and the House of Representatives in particular, is engaged in an unprecedented assault on the Judiciary, the crown jewel of our constitutional system.

In the last 2 years, Congress has undertaken a series of discrete, but interrelated actions that undermine our constitutional framework. By hamstringing, harassing, and weakening the Judicial Branch, these actions threaten to rob the Judiciary of its independence. The House has pushed unconstitutional legislation to prevent the courts from reviewing legislation, to take away the ability of judges to issue fair sentences in criminal cases, and to intimidate judges into following politically conservative beliefs when making rulings.

If enacted, these bills would, for the first time, prevent federal courts from reviewing the constitutionality of federal laws:

First, H.R. 3313 (Marriage Protection Act) prevents federal courts and the Supreme Court from reviewing challenges to the Defense of Marriage Act. It passed the House this past July by a vote of 233-194.

Second, H.R. 2028 (Pledge Protection Act of 2003), which prevents courts created by Congress and the Supreme Court from reviewing First Amendment challenges to the Pledge of Allegiance. This will be on the House floor on Thursday, September 23, 2004.

Finally, H.R. 3799 (Constitution Restoration Act of 2004) is a response to anger at two federal court decisions that cited foreign law and found certain governmental invocations of God to violate the First Amendment. H.R. 3799 would strip federal courts of jurisdiction to hear such cases. And here's the kicker: H.R. 3799 declares it an impeachable offense for a judge to decide that H.R. 3799 violates the Constitution. In one fell swoop, Congress would overturn the centuries-old principle that judges have the ultimate power to decide if our laws violate the Constitution.

Aside from their political attack of the judiciary, these bills are unconstitutional in that they violate separation of powers, equal protection,

due process, and the supremacy clause. Congress is challenging Justice John Marshall's famous pronouncement from *Marbury v. Madison* that it is the province of the courts to "say what the law is."

On top of that, permitting state courts to be the final arbiters of federal constitutional law will bring disarray to the Nation, also in violation of the Constitution. The Supremacy Clause of article VI states that the Constitution shall be the supreme law of the land, but dividing our Nation into fifty different legal regimes is the antithesis of this sacred principle. Enacting these proposals would constitute an undesirable precedent and lead to further assaults on the Judiciary.

Considering that the highest court in our land has not issued a single opinion undermining the Pledge or the Defense of Marriage Act, it is inexcusable to attack the judiciary to score political points.

The irony is that the House is celebrating Justice John Marshall by authorizing a commemorative coin in his honor, at the same time that it is passing the Pledge Protection Act and the Marriage Protection Act. These bills are entirely inconsistent with *Marbury v. Madison*, Justice Marshall's seminal opinion. At a time when it is more important than ever that our Nation stand out as a beacon of freedom, we should not countenance bills that undermine the very protector of those freedoms—our independent judiciary.

These unprecedented court stripping bills are nothing more than modern day versions of "court packing." Just as President Franklin Roosevelt's efforts to control the outcome of the Supreme Court by packing it with loyalists was rejected by Congress in the 1930s, thereby preserving the independence of the federal judiciary, so too must this modern day effort to show the courts "who is boss" fail as well.

Last year, Congress undertook another line of attack against the Judiciary through the controversial "Feeney amendment." This misguided legislation eliminated most of the discretion judges had when making sentencing determinations.

If we have learned anything over the years, it is that mandatory minimum sentences are counterproductive. They do not reduce crime. They punish the smaller players and their families. They distract from dealing with the real problems. And they waste precious resources.

Moreover, the amendment's imposition of burdensome reporting requirements, combined with Congress's demonstrated willingness to investigate the sentencing practices of specific judges, represent a shameless attempt to intimidate judges.

Last, but not least, I am concerned that by failing to provide judges with annual cost of living adjustments over the last decade, federal judges have faced the equivalent of a \$77,000 reduction in salary. In the last 30 years, while average pay has increased 12 percent for most workers, it has decreased 25 percent for judges. This has made it increasingly difficult for the judiciary to attract and retain talented lawyers to its ranks.

That is why I joined my colleagues in introducing a bill, H.R. 2118, to increase the salaries of all federal judges by 16.5 percent.

In the short history of our Republic, the political branches of government have all too frequently ridden the prevailing political breeze to constitutional excess.

An independent judiciary is all that protects our constitutionally guaranteed rights against

the depredations of the political branches. If the judiciary is too cowed or disabled to protect us, each citizen will be at the mercy of the ever-shifting political winds.

PASTOR CARL KRUEGER CELEBRATES THREE ANNIVERSARIES ON OCTOBER 1, 2004

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 1, 2004 a celebration at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cudahy, Wisconsin will be held to honor Pastor Carl Krueger. This special occasion will acknowledge three anniversaries for Pastor Krueger. The celebration will mark his 30th year of ordination in the ministry, 25 years that he has faithfully served the parishioners of St. John's Church in Cudahy and 20 years of exemplary service as Chaplain of the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 128th Refueling Wing from which he is retiring.

Reverend Krueger was born and raised in River Rouge, Michigan, in a "down river" area of Detroit. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a Master of Divinity Degree from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, IL. Reverend Krueger then served as a vicar at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marquette, Michigan.

It is apparent that Reverend Krueger is a man who is revered by his church members, respected by his military associates and highly regarded by those in the community who are familiar with the volunteer work that he has done over the years in supporting issues regarding the elderly and public health.

Pastor Krueger is a family man, having been married to his wife Dianne since 1971. He and his wife have five children, including two sets of twins.

Combining parish work and chaplain work has provided diverse challenges and opportunities for Reverend Krueger. He is well loved by the many members of the church that he has served over the past 25 years and has distinguished himself in the military by receiving a number of awards including the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Reverend Krueger, it is with great pleasure that I extend my best wishes to you on the three anniversaries that you celebrate today and send my congratulations on your lifelong achievements and contributions to your church, community and to your country.

PROCLAMATION HONORING BOBBY D. YOUNG ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Bobby D. Young was born in Perry County, Ohio on October 29, 1924;

Whereas, Bobby D. Young is celebrating his 80th Birthday; and

Whereas, Bobby D. Young has exemplified a love for his family, and must be commended for his dedicated service to the community as a family practitioner in Zanesville, and for his service with the Tenth Army Air Corp in Burma during World War II.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Bobby D. Young as he celebrates his 80th Birthday.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY,
AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5025) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to say that I will be voting for H.R. 5006, the fiscal year 2005 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations bill, but doing so with some reluctance. While I support many of the funding provisions in this legislation, I also believe that this bill shortchanges many important needs in education and health care.

Almost three years after the historic No Child Left Behind legislation was passed into law, I remain concerned about Congress' ongoing failure to commit the resources promised to our Nation's teachers, parents and students. While I support the intentions of the education reform promise to leave no child behind, I am also convinced that the success of this new law will be determined in part by the investment made in this historic reform effort. I am deeply disappointed that this funding plan falls more than \$7.2 billion short of the resources promised for low-income and disadvantaged districts, thereby making up the vast majority of the total \$9.5 billion NCLB shortfall contained in the bill.

Not only does this bill fall short on critical funding for education, but it also makes cuts to the Rural Hospital Flexibility and Outreach grant programs, important resources to North Dakota health care providers. It is my understanding that Chairman REGULA has committed to work to restore this funding in conference, and I intend to actively support those efforts.

Certainly, this bill includes many provisions that I applaud. While I was pleased that the Rural Education Achievement Program once again received funding to help rural districts manage the No Child Left Behind Act's new accountability requirements, I strongly believe this program merits an increase in funding. I was also pleased that this bill restores the federal overtime protections to six million workers who saw their overtime pay threatened by the Department of Labor's new rules.

Ultimately, I cast my vote in favor of this legislation in order to ensure that the appropriations process could move forward. I remain hopeful that the Senate will include higher funding levels for these programs and that

we can work on a bipartisan basis to develop a fiscally responsible funding plan that provides adequate resources to strengthen our schools, address our public health needs, and support our Nation's workers.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENINGS
OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
THE AMERICAN INDIAN

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, the National Mall is home to memorials in honor of our founding fathers, our nation's veterans and leaders who have shaped the course of the United States. The Mall is also home to wonderful museums that explore subjects from our natural history here on Earth, to travels to the moon and beyond. However, even with the diverse exhibits, there was always a piece of our history missing from the Mall, and on September 21, 2004, that hole was finally filled.

It is my honor to celebrate the long awaited opening of the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall. This museum stands as a monument not only to the past generations of Native Americans, but to the present and the future. I am hopeful that the prominent placement of this museum will help to educate our nation on the true history of Native Americans, told by their perspective and through their eyes. The museum will be home to artifacts and exhibits, but will also serve as a classroom with live performances and demonstrations. It truly is a magnificent addition to the Mall, and I look forward to visiting the museum often.

As we celebrate this joyous occasion, and visit with the thousands of Native Americans who have traveled from across the country to join in this event, Members of Congress must not forget that our relationship with Native Americans goes far beyond the museum. Preserving the past and ensuring the future of Native Americans is celebrated in the museum, but it is only through the adequate funding of education, healthcare, and other initiatives critical to our Native American communities that illustrates our true commitment. I will continue to work with several of my colleagues to fight for essential programs to give Native Americans the resources they need.

I am proud to have the opportunity to welcome so many Native Americans to Washington, D.C. this week, and to welcome the National Museum of the American Indian.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING
OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
THE AMERICAN INDIAN

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, "with the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian today, the sun shines a bit brighter on the

National Mall. This long overdue addition to the Smithsonian is both an architectural and cultural feat achieved through hard work, imagination and perseverance of Native communities across the country. With its combination of traditional materials and state-of-the-art technological exhibits the museum is a true testament to native communities' commitment to moving forward while honoring the traditions of the past.

"Potomac is Algonkin for 'where something is brought.' Therefore, it is fitting that today on the banks of the Potomac River the Native community brings our great nation the gift that is the National Museum of the American Indian. By meeting adversity with strength and a renewed commitment to the health, welfare and prosperity of their people and traditions, the Native community is an inspiration to all Americans."

"While we celebrate the opening of the museum we must also take the time to recommit ourselves, our nation and our resources to helping Native communities across the country. The challenges of providing adequate housing, health care and education in Indian Country must be met with our full dedication and vigor. We must recommit ourselves to providing full ballot access to all of Indian country in this fall's election and support the efforts of the legal teams of the Native Vote 2004: Election Protection.

"In addition to dedicating ourselves to addressing the needs of the Native community, my Democratic colleagues and I are steadfastly committed to protecting tribal sovereignty and protecting the trust rights of all in Indian Country. The government-to-government relationship between the Federal government and Indian tribes must be protected as we legislate and direct funds in Congress. We must honor our nation's responsibility to protect the land and resources of Native Americans fully and to the benefit of all in Indian Country."

"It is a brighter day in our nation and in all of Indian Country on this opening day of the National Museum of the American Indian."

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING
OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
THE AMERICAN INDIAN

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join in support of this resolution.

The resolution notes that the National Museum of the American Indian Act (20 U.S.C. 808 et seq.) established within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Indian and authorized the construction of a facility to house the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in the District of Columbia. It points out this will be the only national museum devoted exclusively to the history and art of cultures indigenous to the Americas, and will give all Americans the opportunity to learn of the cultural legacy, historic grandeur, and contemporary culture of Native Americans. And it officially recognizes that the new museum officially opens today.

By its passage, Congress—

(1) recognizes the important and unique contribution of Native Americans to the cultural legacy of the United States, both in the past and currently;

(2) honors the cultural achievements of all Native Americans;

(3) celebrates the official opening of the National Museum of the American Indian; and

(4) requests the President to issue a proclamation encouraging all Americans to take advantage of the resources of the National Museum of the American Indian to learn about the history and culture of Native Americans.

Mr. Speaker, this day has been a long time coming—and passage of this resolution will make clear that it is all the more welcomed by all Americans. The resolution comes to us from the Senate, where it was introduced by Colorado's senior Senator, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL.

Senator CAMPBELL deserves our thanks, not only for this resolution but even more for his leadership in making this day a reality. He has earned the praise extended in two editorials that I am attaching for the information of our colleagues;

[From the Rocky Mountain News Sept. 21, 2004]

CAMPBELL'S LEGACY

Kudos to Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell for helping create the Smithsonian's spectacular new National Museum of the American Indian, which celebrates its grand opening today on the Washington Mall.

While serving in the U.S. House 15 years ago, Campbell was asked to be a prime sponsor of the bill that authorized the museum. He was more than willing, but on one condition: the Smithsonian must first agree to return the remains of about 18,500 Native Americans to their tribes for burial, and other museums nationwide must do the same.

The museums resisted, but Campbell prevailed.

He also helped procure the \$214 million needed to build the museum and fill it with artifacts. He deserves the place of honor he will enjoy at today's ceremonies.

[Editorial—the Pueblo Chieftain]

A TRIBUTE TO SEN. CAMPBELL

When the Colorado Republican started off as a Democrat in the U.S. House, one of his first bills was to build a museum to honor the Native Americans who peopled the Americas long before the first Europeans arrived. A grand opening ceremony for the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., will be held today, and it will be the capstone of Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell's service in Congress.

The monument to a largely ignored set of cultures sits on the last vacant spot on the National Mall, in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol, as the centerpiece of the Smithsonian Institution's 18 museums and galleries. The five-story, curvilinear building with limestone facade was designed as if the building itself were a natural formation carved by rain and snow over the centuries, as if it had always been there. Yet, it almost wasn't there at all.

This museum is Sen. Campbell's pride and joy. When the Colorado Republican started off as a Democrat in the U.S. House, one of his first bills was to build a museum to

honor the Native Americans who peopled the Americas long before the first Europeans arrived.

In the years since, Sen. Campbell chaired the museum's fund-raising committee, leading the effort to raise more than \$100 million in private financing to turn an idea into brick and mortar. He hopes the museum will erase the myths characterizing Indians as "savages that were raping and pillaging." The life, languages, literature, history and arts of the native people of the Western Hemisphere will be the focus of every exhibit.

Sen. Campbell, who once made his living as a designer of Indian jewelry, will showcase some of his own artwork in an opening show that will continue for six months.

When he first ran for Congress in 1986, Sen. Campbell emphasized that his political career would be about non-Indian issues as much as it would be about Indian issues. Today, the 71-year-old Cheyenne tribal chief cites numerous accomplishments that have nothing to do with that background and everything to do with making a difference, including doing his best to protect Arkansas River water from the devastating water diversions by Aurora and Colorado Springs, the funding of bullet-proof vests for the nation's police officers, pushing for a national law enforcement museum and upgrading two Colorado attractions—the Great Sand Dunes and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison—to national park status.

Today, he will stand just north of the site where the Indian Removal Act of 1830 was signed—"where the museum now sits"—and address a crowd expected to include thousands of fellow American Indians. The irony of putting the museum on the site where Congress acted to forcibly relocate Indians will make the day all the sweeter.

Sen. Campbell is retiring from Congress the end of this year. The museum he shepherded to reality will in some small measure be a tribute to this adopted Coloradan.

EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN OF CONGRESS REGARDING CONTINUING GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OF SYRIAN PEOPLE BY GOVERNMENT OF SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last fall, the Syrian Accountability Act was overwhelmingly approved. That bill required the President to impose a number of economic and diplomatic sanctions against Syria if the Syrian government failed to end its support for various terrorist organizations, refuses to eliminate its weapons of mass destruction, and fails to withdraw its troops from Lebanon. Correctly, the President invoked such sanctions earlier this summer.

Since the passage of that act, Syria continues to host terrorist headquarters in Damascus, it maintains 17,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon, it supports the terrorist organization Hezbollah, and it continues its vicious anti-

American propaganda on government-controlled media.

The Syrian regime is one that not only supports and facilitates terrorist attacks against innocent civilians throughout the world, but also engages in a widespread campaign of terror against its own people.

In 2003, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights classified Syria as one of the world's most oppressive regimes.

According to Human Rights International, in 2003 the Syrian Government used its vast powers to prevent any organized political opposition, continued grave abuses including the use of torture in detention and arbitrary arrests, and allowed violence and societal discrimination against women.

Unfortunately, the gross violations of human rights are not limited to Syria's immediate borders. The repressive regime also extends into neighboring Lebanon, which Syria continues to occupy. This fact was recently acknowledged by the international community through the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1559, calling on all foreign troops to withdraw without delay from Lebanon and to stop meddling in the country's November elections.

For all these reasons, I support wholeheartedly House Concurrent Resolution 363, which condemns the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties by the Syrian dictatorship.

Mr. Speaker, H. Con. Res. 363 details and condemns the persistent repression of the people of Syria and Lebanon by the dictatorial Syrian government. It articulates our support for Syria's human rights and pro-democracy activists and calls on free and democratic nations to take a unified stance and condemn the deplorable and heinous human rights record of the Syrian government. Also, it calls for the United States to assist Syrian dissidents in their efforts to help bring freedom to Syria.

I take this opportunity to speak directly to the President and urge him to take these instructions seriously. With respect to Syria, the United States must encourage greater openness, democratization, and economic reform, and to do so it must engage with civil society.

As president of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA) I am intimately aware of the success of the Organization in motivating the Soviet Union and Eastern European countries to sign on to progressive standards of human rights and internal governance. The United States should use a similar strategy of encouraging civil society activists in Syria.

The people of Syria struggle daily from freedom, respect for human rights and civil liberties, democratic self-governance, and the establishment of the rule of law against an authoritarian and tyrannical regime. I support them in their great effort, and denounce the oppressive government of Syria.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to support this important resolution.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 24

9 a.m.

Environment and Public Works
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine State and private programs for sage grouse conservation.

SD-406

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income (including exchange of notes with attached Understanding), signed at Washington on March 8, 2004 (the "Pro-

ocol") (Treaty Doc. 108-25), and the Second Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Barbados for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income Signed on December 31, 1984, signed at Washington on July 14, 2004; including an exchange of notes with attached Understandings (Treaty Doc. 108-26).

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine media ownership issues.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine policies to enforce the Bank Secrecy Act and to prevent money laundering in money services businesses and the gaming industry.

SD-538

Aging

To hold hearings to examine combating influenza in order to keep senior citizens alive.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine how to combat corruption in the multilateral development banks.

SD-419

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of media ratings systems.

SR-253

SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on lobbying practices involving Indian tribes.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the controversy over embryonic stem cell research.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 2410, to promote wildland firefighter safety, H.R. 1651, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, S. 2378, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport, H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam, H.R. 3874, to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal, H.R. 4170, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior, and S. Res. 387, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 30

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Communications Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the security of Internet Root Servers and the Domain Name System (DNS).

SR-253

OCTOBER 5

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the progress of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

SD-419